Tuesday, *the* *31st July 1945* / *16th Karkadagam 1120*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR GEORGE BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

All Members were present

CO-OPERATIVE ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

1. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when did the Committee appointed to go into the working of the Co-operative Department submit their report;

(*b*) what action has been taken on the recommendations of the Committee?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The report was submitted on 31st December 1943 (16th Dhanu 1119.)

(*b*) The recommendations were carefully considered by the Government and orders passed on them. The final orders of the Government on the various recommendations of the Committee were published in Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette dated 16th Mithunam 1120 (30th June 1945).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, may I make a request that because of the nature of the subject, which contains 81 recommendations and 81 orders thereon, the question may be allowed to be put tomorrow, so that we may concentrate more attention upon essentials?

Mr. President: I am perfectly willing to allow this question to come up some day later in this session, but I can't promise that it will come up to-morrow.

SANITARY INSPECTORS AND VACCINATORS—PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2. **Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan** *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Sanitary Inspectors and vaccinators employed in the Public Health Department;

(*b*) the number of persons attacked by small-pox and the number of deaths in 1120?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Dn. Sanitary Inspectors	..	11
Male vaccinators	..	22
Female vaccinators	..	4
(*b*) No. of attacks	..	783
No. of deaths	..	270

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, why this preference is shown to males over females—22 and 4—in the field of vaccination? Is it due to want of qualified hands from that sex?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* There was difficulty to get female vaccinators originally.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the present position?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Now there are a number of vaccinators from among females.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the question of providing more of them or at least as many as males be considered by the Government?

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